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In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended:

[0009] In U.S. Patent 6751944 ~~Application No. 10/274,653,~~
~~filed 10/21/2002,~~ and entitled "Confluent Variable Exhaust
Nozzle," assigned to the present assignee, an improved
variable area exhaust nozzle is disclosed for a turbofan
aircraft engine. The confluent nozzle includes outer and
inner conduits, with a plurality of flaps therebetween. The
flaps may be selectively opened to bypass a portion of
exhaust flow from the inner conduit through the outer conduit
in confluent exhaust streams from concentric main and
auxiliary exhaust outlets.

[0030] The radially outer and inner skins 40,42 of the fan
nacelle provide relatively thin sheet metal surfaces for
bounding the secondary duct 48 contained radially
therebetween. The outer skin 40 terminates at the secondary
outlet 52. And, the inner skin 42 extends aft from the
secondary outlet 52 [[.]] to terminate at the main outlet 46
downstream therefrom, thusly exposing the aft portion of the
inner skin to the surrounding environment.

[0033] In this configuration, the ambient freestream air
32 ~~which~~ flows aft over the fan nacelle during aircraft
flight operation, with a thin boundary layer in which the
velocity of the freestream air transitions from zero attached
to the nacelle to the correspondingly high velocity
associated with movement of the engine through the ambient
air.